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INITIAL ENGAGEMENTS OF WAR SANGUINARY

Preparations For Cosmic Catastrophe Go On.

JAPAN ALLY OF ENGLAND.

Serbian Force Inflicts Heavy Losses on Austrians at Losnitsa—General Death Grapple Likely.

Berlin, July 30.—The reserve officers of the Guards Army Corps, whose headquarters are in Berlin, today received orders to mobilize.

Austrians Are Repulsed.

London, July 30.—A telegram received by the Serbian legation says the Austrians attempting to cross the Danube twenty miles east of Belgrade, were repulsed by the Serbians and that a big artillery engagement is in progress.

Another message received by the Serbian legation says the Serbian troops successfully resisted the Austrian advance at Losnitsa, to the west of Belgrade.

Japan May Participate.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—The official agency here today publishes a dispatch from Tokio quoting a newspaper there as expressing the view that in case of a general European war the participation of Japan as the ally of Great Britain is possible.

Foreigners Must Leave.

London, July 30.—All foreign pupils at the big German schools were informed yesterday that they must leave Germany immediately.

Believe Task Is Hopeless.

London, July 30.—While Austrian invaders and Serbian troops were fighting the opening stages of their war on Serbian territory today European governments and rulers were engaged in what they regarded as the almost hopeless task of trying to avert a general clash of the armies of the great powers.

Sir Edward Grey, a central figure, owing to his efforts to prevent hostilities between the triple alliance and the triple entente, was not able to give any cheering news when he spoke about the crisis to the members of the house of commons.

Premier Asquith spoke of the extreme gravity of the situation. When announcing to the house the postponement of the second reading of the bill to amend the Irish home rule bill, he said:

"We meet today under conditions of gravity which are almost unparalleled in the experience of any one of us."

"The issues of peace and war are hanging in the balance and with us is the risk of a catastrophe of which it is impossible to measure either the dimensions or the effects."

"In these circumstances it is of vital importance in the interest of the whole world that this country, which has no interests of its own directly at stake, should present a united front and be able to speak and to act with authority as an undivided nation."

The British foreign office, whose suggestion of a conference of the ambassadors in London of the great powers failed to meet with the approval of Germany and Austria, now has invited Germany to suggest some diplomatic way out of the difficulty which will meet the approval of Austria-Hungary. A reply is expected at any moment.

Preparations for a possible general European war went on steadily today in every country likely to be involved. The complications of the situation were augmented by a rumor that Japan might join in the conflict.

Following partial mobilization of the Russian army, an order was issued by Germany today to all officers and men of her reserve forces to hold themselves in readiness for a call to arms. A report reaching here by way of Paris says the Berlin office already has ordered a partial mobilization in the eastern provinces.

England's fleet has been ordered on a war footing and the scattered vessels of the navy are being brought back to their bases. The Mediterranean fleet, which reached Malta today, found lighters waiting there loaded with coal, which was at once taken on board the war vessels

so they could be moved to any quarter without delay.

All members of the metropolitan police, which is a government force, have been recalled from leave. The men will be required to guard the government dock yards and magazines in case the regular guards should have to join their regiments.

Such European stock markets as remained open showed utter stagnation.

As to what is going on in the fighting zone, little is known on account of the strict censorship. All kinds of reports are in circulation, one of them stating that a battle had taken place in Bosnia, on Austrian territory, between Austrians and Serbians and another tells of an Austrian attack on the Montenegrins at Mount Lovchen overlooking Cattaro.

On the western side of Serbia an Austrian column came into contact with a Serbian force at Losnitsa which put up a stubborn defense and held the fort there until dark, inflicting heavy losses on the Austrians.

The Southern Austrian column in Bosnia remained stationary today, awaiting the movement of the Montenegrin troops.

The ancient fortress of Belgrade was reduced by the Austrian artillery, which, however, caused only slight damage to other parts of the Serbian capital. The British legation was struck by an Austrian shell. Serbian sharpshooters greatly harried the Austrian artillerymen during the bombardment.

ANTI-BLEASE MEN READY FOR CAUCUS

County Delegations Arriving in Capital City—Meet in Columbia Today.

Columbia Special to Charleston News and Courier, July 30.—Advance delegations for the anti-Bleasure conference to be held here tomorrow reached Columbia late tonight and preliminary for the gathering were completed. The conference will convene at the Hotel at noon, and will be called to order by L. J. Williams of North Augusta, and if he is not present by George Croft of Aiken. Beyond these preliminaries no definite plan of action has been agreed on or mapped out.

The conference is called for the purpose of reaching ways and means of centering on one or more of the anti-Bleasure men for governor instead of scattering the vote among six there being that number in the race credited to the anti-administration faction. The problem of how to center and which ones to pick is what must be wrestled with and solved tomorrow.

It is not believed here that any of the six anti-administration candidates for governor will attend the caucus.

The conference will be open, and those behind it are inspired only by a desire of serving the best interest of the state as they see it, for they feel that unless some plan of concentration is reached by the anti-Bleasure force there is grave danger that one of the Bleasure candidates for governor may be elected by two of that faction getting into the second race through long division of the anti vote among six men. There is no special one of the six in mind; they are perfectly willing to take whichever one is thought to be the stronger.

General War Certain.

Paris, July 30.—The French public seems to regard a general war as a certainty. Crowds outside the savings banks today were three times as numerous as those of yesterday. Private boarding and the precautions taken by the Bank of France have almost removed minted coin from circulation.

Several thousand storekeepers waited outside the Bank of France today in the hope of getting silver for their notes as their inability to make change is paralyzing retail business.

Serbian Defeated.

London, July 30.—Unconfirmed reports received here today say the Serbians have been defeated by the Austrians at Fotscha, in Bosnia, losing 800 men, while the Austrian casualties numbered 200. Fotscha is far within the boundaries of Bosnia and thus on Austrian territory.

Another unconfirmed report says the Austrian troops attacked the Montenegrins on Mount Lovchen.

EDGEFIELD CROWD AGAINST BLEASE

Anti-Bleasure Doctrine Seems to Please Audience.

SENATOR SMITH POPULAR.

Governor Styles Anti-Bleasure Conference as an Effort to Bolt the Rules.

Edgefield Special to Charleston News and Courier, July 29.—The one thousand people of Edgefield who heard the candidates for United States Senator here today were almost entirely anti-Bleasure, excepting for a small coterie who cheered the Governor and attempted to heckle the other candidates.

The anti-Bleasure doctrine as preached by L. D. Jennings and W. P. Pollock delighted the Edgefield audience and they showed it by tumultuously cheering their every statement.

United States Senator E. D. Smith was accorded a great reception and the wearers of the cotton blossoms predominated.

B. E. Nicholson county chairman, presided. The meeting was held in the grove on the military institute grounds.

An Augustan, an docters responsible for the calling the elimination conference of anti-Bleasures for Friday to centre on the man for Governor featured the speech of Governor Bleasure.

"They passed the set of rules and bless God they are trying to bolt their own rules," charged the Governor, saying the call for the conference "reeked with partisanship." Likening the call for the conference to the Haskell Convention in 1890, the speaker said the same persons who were fighting him were those who fought Tillman and made his bolism possible.

"I am not here to support the convention of anti-Bleasures," he stated. He quoted from the rules forbidding a candidate of a clique or faction running in the primary, and this he said is what will be whatever candidates is centered on by the elimination conference.

PREDICTS VICTORY

He said his side had "em beat by from 18,000 to 20,000 votes," and predicted his election as Senator and of a Bleasure man for governor.

The Governor said he could tell by tomorrow what each side had enrolled.

His attack on Senator Smith for landing Mr Weston as district attorney, and his statement that Senator Tillman should have had the patronage and praise of J. William Thurmond, whom Mr Tillman recommended, was another feature of the Governor's speech. He denied that he was losing ground in Anderson county and read a letter from "Jos" Ashley saying he was stronger than ever.

Citing the Coleman incident at Whitmire, the Fowler incident at Anderson and the Norwood incident at Greenville the Governor denounced what he said was the situation which made it so ladies did not want to attend some meetings for fear of disorder. He devoted some time to this subject and charged that it was the work of anti-Bleasure men and that no Bleasure men were guilty of bringing about such conditions. He urged the building of a monument on the state house grounds to General Mart Gary and closed by saying he was a happy man because of the honors which had come to him. He was presented with flowers and drew applause from the Bleasure followers.

JENNINGS ON ETIQUETTE.

"I have always been taught to bow my head while the corpse was being taken away," said L. D. Jennings of the cheers of the Bleasure men who accompanied the governor from the grounds. At once taking up the reference of the governor to Mr. Thurmond, the speaker said, "I know Mr. Thurmond is on the anti-Bleasure side in this fight, side by side with Mr. Weston, and the rest of us trying to redeem South Carolina," while the audience cheered. In a reply to a "Hurrah for Coley," the speaker said, "Oh, that's so weak it reminds me of a dying kitten."

The Sumter man exorated the pardon record of the governor, saying, "Bleasure's record is worse than any of the carpet-bag governors."

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GERMANY HOLDS TO TURK

Next Few Hours to Decide Whether Big War Will Come.

MEANTIME FIGHTS GO ON.

Situation With Regard to Danger of European War Undoubtedly of the Very Gravest.

London, July 31.—Early this morning comes news that the German cabinet, presided over by the Emperor, sat at Potsdam until midnight and that a censorship over the telegraph lines is being imposed at Berlin.

This is interpreted here as implying preparation for German mobilization and a few hours will probably decide whether Europe is to be involved in universal warfare.

It is fully expected both at London and Berlin that the Russian foreign minister, Sergius Sazonoff, will reply to Germany's demand for an explanation to the effect that Russian mobilization has already been ordered and can not be cancelled.

In the event of Germany mobilizing it is expected that Premier Asquith immediately will ask parliament to sanction a large vote of credit as a necessary precaution.

Little Real News.

London, July 30.—With the exception of official reports from Vienna, in the briefest form and thus far dealing with the bombardment of Belgrade and the capture of several Serbian vessels on the Danube, little reliable news has been received in London concerning the state of hostilities in the Austro-Serbian war.

Reports are in progress at various points, including one report from Milan that a heavy engagement is raging south of Belgrade tonight, but, according to Serbian official accounts, all attempts on the part of the Austrians to cross the river have been repulsed, and reports of the occupation of Belgrade are considered premature.

AUSTRIANS FIRE ON CAPITAL.

Heavy Cannonade Marks Second Attack on Belgrade.

Belgrade, July 30.—The Austrians opened a heavy cannonade in their second attack on Belgrade at 11 o'clock last night. The guns of the Austrian monitors and the batteries at Semlin fired until 2 o'clock in the morning. Several buildings were damaged.

The Serbian guns replied only occasionally. An Austrian gunboat was badly damaged. An attempt by the Austrians to cross the river was repulsed with severe losses by heavy infantry and machine gun fire. The fire lasted until 4 in the morning. There were no Serbian losses. The Austrians made several other attempts to cross the rivers, Save and Danube, but were everywhere driven back. It was reported they intend to renew their bombardment of Belgrade today.

Emperor Warmly Greeted.

Vienna, July 30.—Scenes of extraordinary enthusiasm accompanied Emperor Francis Joseph's return to the Austrian capital today. Enormous throngs carrying banners and led by semi-military bands formed into procession behind the veteran monarch and escorted him to Schoenbrunn Castle amid a continuous roar of cheering from the people who packed the streets.

A movement is on foot among American citizens and British subjects living in Hungary to form a special corps to accompany the Hungarian army into the field, according to a telegram from Budapest.

Up to Germany.

Rome, July 30.—Official circles here appeared today to have abandoned all hope of the efficiency of mediation in the European conflict. It was stated that the moment had now come for Germany to show whether she wanted and still wants war and it was argued that she alone could influence for peace.

RESTORES CITIZENSHIP.

The Pardon Mill is Still Grinding in Columbia.

Columbia, July 29.—In order to restore citizenship, the governor has pardoned Tom Kibler, who was convicted on a charge of grand larceny in November, 1888, at the Edgefield term of court, and sentenced by Judge T. B. Frazier, to one year's imprisonment in the state penitentiary. Clemency restored citizenship to W. L. Henderson who was sentenced in August, 1907, by Judge R. C. Watts, following conviction on a charge of manslaughter to 12 years on the public works of Saluda county or an equal imprisonment in the penitentiary. Henderson was paroled during good behavior on March 30th, 1911.

Governor Bleasure has also granted a pardon to David Holcombe. Holcombe was convicted of housebreaking and larceny, and sentenced to three months on the public works at the May, 1914 term of court. Greenville county, Judge T. J. Mauldin presiding.

PATIENT CROWD HEARS SPEECHES

Simms Scores Manning for Injection of Bleasure Issue Into Race at This Late Stage.

St. Matthews Special to Columbia State, July 30.—Before an attentive, respectful and undemonstrative audience of 300 citizens of Calhoun county candidates for state offices today submitted their pleas for suffrage. The speakers, for the most part, held themselves within their routine declarations and promises, except when Charles Carroll Simms, candidate for governor, took Richard I. Manning to account for his sudden injection at Orangeburg yesterday of the question of perpetuating the policies of the present administration, saying that such a step was inconsistent with the constant plea of Mr. Manning to lay aside factionalism. This, moreover, was the first time that gubernatorial candidates professing friendship for the governor, have crossed the line of demarcation to call another to task for denouncing the present administration. The audience accepted these sallies in the best of humor while through the five hours of speaking with a short intermission the auditors displayed a patience, practically unequalled in the 29 meetings of the state campaign party.

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 o'clock by T. H. Dreher, county chairman, in the yard adjoining the school house.

Austrians Cheer Aged Emperor.

Ischl, Austria, July 30.—Emperor Francis Joseph left here today amid scenes of wildest enthusiasm for Vienna. A great crowd gathered at the station and cheered the aged monarch again and again. Arch duke Charles, the heir to the throne, accompanied his majesty.

Raise Discount Rate.

Paris, July 30.—The Bank of France today raised its discount rate from 3½ to 4½ per cent and its rate for loans from 4½ to 5½ per cent.

Woman Convicted of Murder.

New Haven, Conn., July 30.—Mrs. Bessie J. Wakefield tonight was found guilty of the murder of her husband. The jury returned a verdict of second degree murder which carries a penalty of life imprisonment. The trial lasted twelve days.

FORK HILL NEWS.

Special to The News.

Fork Hill, July 30.—We are all glad to say that we were visited by a good shower of rain Tuesday, which was much needed. Our school opened last Monday with Miss Reid of Lancaster as principal.

Miss Bertha Couch is visiting Miss Lila Blackmon this week.

Mr. Willie Mackey of Flint Ridge visited his brother, Mr. Charles Mackey, last Saturday.

Mrs. Missouri Mackey and Miss Goul Hinson of Red Hill spent Saturday night with Mrs. Janie Mackey.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Couch and little son spent Saturday night with the latter's mother, Mrs. S. J. Sims. Misses Ola Blackmon and Lois Roberts are visiting Miss Ada Roberts of Longville.

Mrs. W. J. Sims and Mrs. S. J. Sims spent Saturday at the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blackmon, of Lancaster.

Mrs. S. J. Sims will celebrate her 57th birthday at her home August 8th. Everybody is invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

MANNING RAISES BLEASURE QUESTION

Brings Administration Into State Campaign.

THE AUDIENCE WITH HIM.

Orangeburg Crowd Cries Encouragement as He Assails Chief Executive's Record.

Orangeburg Special to Columbia State, July 29.—Richard I. Manning, candidate for governor, at the meeting of candidates for state offices here today for the first time during the campaign injected the issue of Bleasureism or what is commonly considered the policy of the present administration. Throughout his attack on this issue the audience cheered as one man for the sentiments expressed, and there were about 900 citizens of Orangeburg county present, who gave to each candidate an attentive and respectful hearing. Like the meeting at St. George yesterday, the cheers, when factionalism was brought in, were for E. D. Smith, candidate for United States senator, and the applause, which was given every speaker, was both louder and longer when the sentiments expressed were in favor of strict enforcement of law and against the injudicious use of the pardoning power.

Charles Carroll Simms again attacked John G. Richards for his numerous political affiliations, telling in contrast of his own long friendship for the governor.

W. C. Irby, Jr., stated that many times he had refused to sign petitions for pardons and paroles and that his friendship for the governor was based on personal opinion.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 o'clock by Adam H. Moss, county chairman. The Rev. Watson B. Duncan offered prayer.

James A. Summersett, candidate for comptroller general, made his customary charges against the administration of the incumbent, A. W. Jones, and spoke of the "danger of long tenure of office."

A. W. Jones said that Mr. Summersett had recently been "promoted from the pardon board to the asylum board." He took his opponent to task on premiums of certain bonds.

W. W. Moore, asking for re-election as adjutant general, prophesied that never again would there be another governor who would interfere with the office of adjutant general as the present governor has. The audience applauded this statement. He charged that his opponent had a "soft job as a member of the staff."

M. C. Willis, candidate for adjutant general, said that 23 out of the 27 companies in the militia had been declared to be in unsatisfactory condition. He charged that there were many officers in the militia who were lax in obeying the orders of General Moore. "Who are you going to put out?" he asked.

J. H. Wharton, candidate for railroad commissioner, in answer to the question of an auditor, said that while he was previously on the commission, the freight rates were the lowest the state had ever enjoyed. He was followed by W. I. Witherpoon and George W. Fairley.

C. D. Fortner said that he had been told that if he tried to show the picture of Benedict College, which he has shown on other stumps, three men would come to the stand and prevent him from doing so. He then spoke in defense of the Fortner bill, showing the picture. No man appeared.

Frank W. Shealy said that he was running for railroad commissioner "on his own merit and initiative." He discussed what he intended to do if elected, with the slogan of "safety first."

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

B. Frank Kelley, candidate for lieutenant governor, told of his private life and public record. He said that he opposed state-wide compulsory education, "because the time is not ripe."

Andrew J. Bethea said that he was strongly in favor of law enforcement and order in South Carolina. "The greatest need in this state," he said, "is clean politics." He spoke highly.

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